

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 228****2026 Regular Session****Duplessis****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

LOCAL FINANCE. Constitutional amendment to allow for the use of public funds to replace drinking water utility service lines located on private property. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Removes provisions that authorize the use of public funds by a political subdivision for addressing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by hazardous materials including, but not limited to, lead, copper, galvanized steel or iron, on property owned by utility customers.
2. Adds provisions that authorize the use of public funds by a political subdivision for addressing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**DIGEST**

SB 228 Reengrossed

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Present constitution (Const. Art. VII, Sec. 14(A)) provides that the funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private. Provides exceptions.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides an additional exception by authorizing the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, Sec. 14(B))